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BOIL WATER ORDER ISSUED TO THE LOS TULES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

Test Result Shows E.Coli Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health has issued a Boil Water Order for the Los Tules Mutual Water Company, located in Warner Springs. This community small water system serves drinking water to 72 residential service connections. A routine water sample indicates the presence of coliform and E.coli bacteria in the water system. Based on the sample results, the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health has issued a Boil Water Order as a standard precaution to protect public health.

Coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The presence of E.coli bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other systems. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with a severely compromised immune system.

The Boil Water Order was issued to ensure all water used by the consumers is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

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